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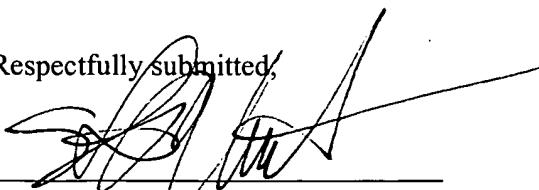
Dear Sir:

This application claims priority from PCT/CH06/000070, filed February 6, 2006, which claims priority from Switzerland Patent Application No. 00638/05, filed April 7, 2005, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/689,842 filed June 13, 2005.

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